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THE APPLICATION OF:

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In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- Letter;
- Response to Office Action Mailed March 4, 2003;
- Request for Extension of Time;
- Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b);
- PTO Form 1449;
- 36 Cited References; and
- Return Receipt Postcard.

2. With respect to additional fees:

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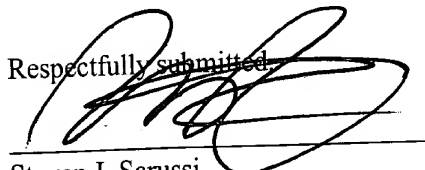
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In view of the fact that all identifying information appeared correctly on the filing papers, which constituted a complete Response to the Office Action Mailed March 4, 2003, the applicants respectfully submit that the Response to the Office Action Mailed March 4, 2003, was timely and properly filed. Accordingly, it is requested that this application be maintained as pending without petition or fee.

If there are any questions or comments regarding this paper or application, the Patent Office is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney as indicated below.

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